

## NEW BOOKS

We have received from the publishers (M. H. Gill and Son, Ltd., Dublin) a new edition of 'Harmonics,' by the Rev. T. J. O'Mahony, D.D., D.C.L. We had words of warm commendation for these high poetic flights of the learned All Hallows professor on their first appearance a few years ago. The new edition is an improvement on the old, in so far as it is enriched with a lengthy and singularly able appendix dealing with the Alleluia—the Divine Acclaim par excellence—and the depths of significance which are contained therein. The sub-title describes the book as 'Wreaths of Song from a Course of Divinity.' It is a sequel and companion volume to the same distinguished professor's 'Wreaths of Song from Courses of Philosophy.' The wreaths are, so to speak, twined around treatises on the Unity and Trinity of God, and hung in happy adornment about some of the festivals of the year. The type, paper, etc., are in the best style of the eminent Irish publishing firm.

Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd. (Christchurch, Wellington, and Dunedin) have added to their lengthy and lengthening list of publications a drama entitled 'Under the Shadow of Dread.' The author, who modestly conceals his identity under the initials R. T. H., goes back to the days of King Alfred of the Danish wars for the subject of the drama, and produces a very readable and interesting five-act play, in which the clank of armor and the ring of sword on shield are heard abundantly, and there are many moving incidents by flood and field. There is a fine ring about King Alfred's speech to his army in the third act, and there is much dramatic force in the way in which the capture of the castle is achieved and the plot of the play brought to its denouement. The paper, letterpress, and binding leave nothing to be desired. (Pp. 104, demy 8vo.)

Messrs McDonald and Evans (4 Adam street, Adelphi, London, W.C.) have added an exceedingly interesting Life of Father Mathew to their favorably-known St. Nicholas Series of publications. The author of this work is the gifted Katharine Tynan Hinckson, whose books are so well known among Catholic readers throughout the English-speaking world. The distinguished writer tells in her best style the story of Father Mathew's childhood and youth, his studies and his years of missionary work, his labors in Kilkenny and in Cork, and the poverty of the two-roomed 'Little Friary' in which he and Father Donovan toiled for souls in the City by the Lee. Among other things told by the author in this connection was the ruse to which the aged Father Donovan (who narrowly escaped the guillotine during the French Revolution) contrived to secure for his young assistant (Father Mathew), on the day of the latter's first arrival in the Friary, the dinner which the straitened resources of the establishment could not afford. The story of the temperance movement loses nothing at the gifted hands of the writer of this latest life. 'Oh, Theobald Mathew,' said the earnest Quaker to him, 'thou hast a mission from God to do this work!' 'Here goes, in the name of God!' said Father Mathew, and he signed his name, the first on the register of the Cork Temperance Society, 'Theobald Mathew, No. 1.' And then all that followed—the first gleanings of the harvest, the triumphal march of the temperance movement, its trials and difficulties, the great famine, and the rest. How much there was packed into this one man's wonderful life! The book is illustrated with a number of heliochrome engravings. It should be in every home and school and club library, and on every prize-list of our Catholic schools. (Pp. 180, cloth gilt, 2s net.)

## OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS KELLY, SYDENHAM.

There passed away at his residence, Mowbray street, Sydenham, on Saturday, June 27 (writes our Christchurch correspondent), an old and widely respected resident of Canterbury in the person of Mr. Thomas Kelly, at the age of seventy-five years. The deceased was a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and coming out to Australia joined the rush to the Bendigo gold diggings, Victoria. After varying experiences he came to the West Coast of New Zealand at the height of the gold fever there. Here he was first occupied in forming roads for the Government in the process of opening up settlement. Subsequently, coming over to Canterbury, he was engaged on the first section of railway construction out of Christchurch from the city to Ferry-mead, under

the contractors, Messrs. Richardson and Holmes. Continuing on the railway, he was for many years afterwards ganger on the permanent way staff, Canterbury section, being stationed at Kirwee and Rolleston. With advancing age he retired from active service about five years ago. The late Mr. Kelly was a staunch and practical Catholic, whose life was spent in consistent fulfilment of his religious duties. He died fortified by the rites of Holy Church. He leaves a family of three daughters and four sons. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday last by the Rev. Father O'Hare. The Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., who attended the deceased in his last illness, officiated at the graveside in Linwood Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended, many old residents paying a last tribute of respect to a worthy fellow-colonist.—R.I.P.

MR. LEO P. KENNY, INVERCARGILL.

It is with deep regret (writes an occasional correspondent) that I have to record the death by accident of the late Mr. Leo Patrick Kenny, of the Railway Department at Invercargill. Mr. Kenny was a native of Hokitika, and was unfortunately deprived of his parents while quite young, after which he, with several other members of the family, went to Australia, where he was educated, after which he returned to New Zealand, where he got an appointment in the Railway Department, his younger brother remaining in Sydney, where he joined the priesthood, and is now Father Kenny of that city, and his sister, now deceased, joined the Brigidine Sisterhood. The funeral took place on Sunday, June 14, from St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a large concourse of people (amongst whom the Railway Department was well represented) for the Eastern Cemetery. The Rev. Father Kavanaugh officiated at the church, and the services at the grave were impressively conducted by the Rev. Father O'Malley. The sympathy of all grades of the Railway Department has gone out to the young widow. Among the flowers laid on the casket was a wreath from the Auckland branch of the A.S.R.S., bearing testimony to the esteem and affection in which the deceased was held by his Auckland brethren. The Invercargill branch also sent a beautiful wreath, and, although only a recent arrival, Mr. Kenny had proved himself an admirable comrade in every way, and his death has cast quite a gloom over the whole service in this district.—R.I.P.

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